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FROM what motives many have made it the buſineſs of their lives, to rail at, and to write againſt injections in the cure of a gonorrhœa, I know not. If it has been from ignorance, from want of experience, or from unſucceſsful practice, they are in ſome degree excuſable: But if from intereſted views, they have endeavoured to perſuade the world, that ſuch a method is unſalutary, becauſe it is ſhort and expeditious, they muſt be looked upon as highly to blame by the candid and unprejudiced.

Though injections have not always met with the deſired ſucceſs, and though unſkilful compoſitions have frequently been uſed under that name; to condemn every application of that kind for ſuch reaſons, appears equally abſurd, as if bleeding was abſolutely to be forbid, becauſe ſome men have had the misfortune to wound an artery, or to prick a tendon. Nay, many of the moſt valuable medicines ought to be exploded with equal propriety, be-

cauſe they are dilaterious and poiſonous in the hands of the unſkilful. Warm water, milk and water, oil, and ſuch like are frequently uſed as injections, and on many occaſions they undoubtedly anſwer moſt excellent purpoſes. No body, I hope, will pretend to ſay they are dangerous: yet theſe are involved in the common condemnation. What compoſitions have been uſed to deſerve ſuch abuſe I know not; but it would appear that this general charge, againſt every thing introduced into practice under the form of an injection, had been firſt ſtarted to try the powers of perſuaſion; ſince proſecuted, to cover the unſkilful attempts of the ignorant; and which on all occaſions ſerves the purpoſes of the artful and deſigning, by enabling them to play upon the foibles of mankind with ſucceſs.

To give as clear an idea of a diſeaſe to ſuch as are perfectly unacquainted with the animal œconomy, as to thoſe who have ſpent a great part of their lives in the ſtudy of it, would be a difficult undertaking: yet I am well convinced, that many of the ailments to which we are liable, might be ſo clearly demonſtrated to common ſenſe, as to leave no doubt with reſpect to the reaſonableneſs of any method of cure.

And hence the ſubject of this ſmall pamphlet will be, to explain the diſeaſes of the parts of generation of both ſexes, particularly ſuch as are from relaxation or infection, and the means of communicating and propagating the venereal poiſon, ſo as to place in the cleareſt point of view the many advantages to be expected from the uſe of injections; to demonſtrate the method of cure by their means to be the moſt ſalutary practice, and to recommend one who has never failed in many thouſand experiments.

If the gonorrhœa can be demonſtrated to be local, and if it can be made evident that the venereal diſeaſe, while in this ſtage, does not affect the habit in general, it muſt be allowed, that by a proper application to the ſeat of the complaint, we are ſure of ſucceſs. Let it be an antidote to deſtroy the poiſon by contact; or, let it be of ſuch a nature as to bring it away from the part, together with the mucus with which it is united; or to protect the Membrane of the Urethra from its influence; the advantages from the uſe of it will be the ſame, and the application will be equally ſalutary.

It is well known that the common way of communicating the venereal diſeaſe is by contact in coition. Several

days generally pass before the sound person perceives any remarkable change; so that the effects of this poison do not appear to be so instantaneous as some have endeavoured to perluade us. When it is first applied to the glands, præputium, urethra or vagina, it must remain for some time involved in the mucus covering those parts before it can come in immediate contact with the membrane. Nay, I think it is highly probable, from the way in which the first symptoms make their appearance, that such a change must be brought about, as to make the mucus of a similar nature with the venereal poison, before any marks of disease can be produced. This being accomplished, it is more immediately applied to the parts, stimulates and irritates, excites inflammation, and an increase discharge with every other symptom usually accompanying the disease. While in this state the poison being externally applied, and scarce in contact with the membrane, it is difficult to suppose how absorption can take place. Besides even the increased discharge itself, will in all probability prevent it's being taken into the system. It is next to demonstration then that the disease while in this state is perfectly local: and to destroy the

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venereal ferment, to bring away the infecting matter, or to prevent its effects on the membrane, appear to be the moſt rational indications of cure.

Every rational enquirer muſt be convinced of the propriety of this reaſoning, as it is tracing events as they really happen; and the abſurdity of attempting to cure this diſeaſe by means of medicines adminiſtered internally alone muſt be evident. To illuſtrate this, let us ſuppoſe any ſtimulus whatſoever to be applied to any irritable membrane, who would ever think of curing its effects by giving medicines at the mouth alone, without endeavouring to remove or deſtroy the acting ſtimulus? venereal matter applied to the Urethra acts as a ſtimulus, to remove which, by a long tedious courſe of rough, nauſeous, diſagreeable medicines, without making any application to the part, is ſo contradictory to phyſical propriety, that I am amazed it could ever take place.

Venereal matter applied to the urethra, glans or vagina, and permitted to remain for any length of time, muſt undoubtedly gain ground. The impotent attempts of internal medicines to remove the conſequences of ſuch application, are ſufficiently demonſtrated by the length and inconvenience of the

cure. Theſe inconveniences, however, are nothing, compared to the dreadful effects of ſuch practice. For by ſuch means the ſtomach and bowels become ſubject to many diſorders, which never fail to produce the moſt dangerous conſequences, particularly loſs of appetite, indigeſtion, &c. Hence emaciated habits, worn out conſtitutions and innumerable evils follow. Beſides, by ſuffering the diſcharge to remain ſo long, it increaſes by relaxation, and ſuch a debility is brought on the parts, that a conſtant gleet becomes the conſequence of the cure, infinitely more difficult to remove than the original diſeaſe.

All theſe conſiderations, I think, make it clear to demonſtration, that a remedy applied to the part affected is the moſt eligible method of cure in a gonorrhœa, and in every diſeaſe of thoſe parts producing ſuch effects, whether from relaxation or infection. The objections brought againſt injections in general, can have no force with reſpect to the mode of application: But bad injudicious compoſitions, under whatever name, muſt be pernicious, and ought always to be rejected. Theory, however plauſible, is ſtill to be doubted: It is experience alone that can determine with certainty with reſpect to the

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virtues and utility of a medicine. But when our expectations are ſeconded by ſucceſs, and when the effects correſpond to our warmeſt hopes, from a knowledge of its compoſition, it would be injuſtice to mankind to with-hold ſuch a remedy.

To anſwer all the purpoſes to be expected from ſuch a method of cure, and to obviate every objection that can be brought againſt it, This remedy is now offered to the public. Its compoſition is ſo mild and ſimple, that it may be applied with the greateſt ſafety to the moſt delicate membrane of the body; and experience in many thouſand inſtances has proved it to be a moſt certain cure, not only for the firſt attacks of the venereal diſeaſe, but by its particular property of checking and curing inflammations it proves a ſovereign remedy in many other diſeaſes to which the parts of generation in both ſexes are liable.

The progreſs of infection in the venereal diſeaſe is gradual; ſcarce any change is perceived for many days. Its firſt appearance is mild and gentle; but as the infection gains ground, the ſymptoms become more ſevere. If a gonorrhœa, when it has put on all the appearance of the diſeaſe, and when it has ſhewn the whole power of in-

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fection upon the parts, can be cured by this remedy, it follows, that the poiſon may be deſtroyed by the ſame means, before it has had time to produce its effects. Thus far reaſon appears evidently in favour of a method of prevention; but experience, which is far beyond the ſtrongeſt expectations from theory, has put it beyond a doubt, as all, however expoſed, who have uſed this remedy for the purpoſes of prevention, have remained unhurt.

One would imagine little rhetorick to be neceſſary to perſuade mankind to avoid this dreadful diſeaſe; yet the influence ſome have had over the minds of men is ſtrange and incredible: inſomuch, that many will tell you it is abſolutely impoſſible to prevent the effects of venereal poiſon; nay, that the cure can never be accompliſhed in leſs than many weeks, however mild the appearance of the diſeaſe. Such will tell you, though contrary to all reaſon and common ſenſe, that the cure can never be effected by injections, becauſe they accompliſh the intention too ſoon; and ſuch will with all the philoſophy in the world, ſubmit to have their ſtomach and bowels torn to pieces by purges, &c. rather than be cured by ſuch a method, though it be ſhort and

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expeditious, though it removes present pain and every other disagreeable symptom almost immediately; but above all, because it is contrary to the theory of their surgeon.

However difficult it may be to persuade some, that a method of cure by such means is not only equal, but preferable to any other, it will appear clear to common sense, that PREVENTION may be easily accomplished by a proper application to the parts. For, while the poison is in small quantity, and while it has not remained long enough to produce any effects, then is the time to destroy it, and bring it away with the greatest certainty and success. It will be readily allowed, that of all other methods, that which cures with facility will be the most likely to prevent with certainty: and this remedy, which is now offered to the public, is undoubtedly the best ever recommended to answer both intentions, as it will stand the test of physical discussion, and has the sanction of uninterrupted success.

In coition, venereal matter is applied to the membrane, lining the whole course of the vagina in women; and to the glans, penis, præputium, or to the dilated orifice of the urethra in men.

If theſe external parts receive no injury during coition, or if they are perfectly ſound at the time, it is impoſſible that any immediate abſorption can take place. Whilſt in this ſtate, the *lotion* may be applied to the glans, penis and præputium of men with amazing ſucceſs, as by that means, all chancers and every other ſymptom, the conſequence of the application of venereal matter to theſe parts, will be effectually prevented. Venereal matter applied to the dilated orifice of the urethra propagates itſelf, and is capable of exerting its influence over a greater or leſſer portion of the canal, according to circumſtances, the degree of the virulence of the poiſon, or the conſtitution of the patient. Its membrane being exceedingly delicate, the *injection*, though moſt efficacious, both for the purpoſes of *prevention* and *cure*, in all the diſeaſes of the urethra, yet it is ſo mild that no bad conſequence ever can follow its uſe, even in the moſt delicate habits.

The *injection* is to be applied by a proper inſtrument (a female ſyringe) to the vagina of women; and the *lotion* to the external labia pudendi, with a ſponge; both for the purpoſes of prevention and cure.

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But, to be more particular, the following are some of the many advantages proposed by the use of this remedy.

1. As it kills and destroys the venereal poison, and brings it entirely away with the mucus to which it is united, it is evident, that if the glans and præpuce are well washed with the lotion, and if the injection be thrown up in the urethra soon after coition, and kept there for some time, i. e. for the space of a minute or two, the disease, with all its consequences, will most certainly be prevented,

2. If the injection be used immediately on the first appearance of a discharge from the urethra; or when that tickling sensation happens which indicates an approaching gonorrhœa, it will heal the parts, the running will cease in a few days; and as it brings away the infectious matter, it is incredible how soon every symptom of the disease will disappear.

3. It removes inflammations almost instantaneously; and hence it is preferable to every other injection ever used: for even those very symptoms, for which they have frequently been blamed, are effectually prevented by its means. Swell'd testicles, and painful tumours in the groins are certainly

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in conſequence of an inflamed urethra, from ſympathy. It is evident then that this remedy, by preventing or removing the cauſe, will effectually prevent ſuch conſequences of infection.

4. If this injection be uſed ſo early as to precede the ardor, urine and cordee; the patient may be well aſſured, that theſe diſagreeable ſymptoms never will trouble him.

5. In one day, and frequently in a much ſhorter time, the uſe of the injection effectually removes heat of water, cordee, and all other ſymptoms conſequential of inflammation: provided they have not been of long ſtanding; and if they have, it cures them ſooner than it can be accompliſhed by any other means whatever.

6. It is exceedingly uſeful in old gleets, and other diſeaſes from weakneſs or relaxation of the membrane of the urethra, particularly ſuch as have been brought on by the uſe of ſtrong purgatives in the cure of a gonorrhœa. In ſuch caſes, bark and the cold bath will exceedingly promote the cure, by ſtrengthening the ſyſtem in general.

7. It has frequently performed wonderful cures in the fluor albus and all female weakneſſes, from whatever cauſe, when every other means has been

been used in vain. If the disease be recent, it will certainly cure it; and even, if of long standing, it may be used with great probability of success.

8. As a weeping and thin discharge from the urethra, are very often the consequences of too frequent embraces; of a gonorrhœa improperly treated; or of bad practices; these it effectually prevents or carries off, by strengthening the vessels, and curing the relaxation that is the cause of the disease.

9. A similar disorder in women, arising from the same causes, may for ever be prevented by the frequent use of this medicine.

10. In warm climates it will also be of singular use, in curing or preventing all such diseases of the parts of generation of both sexes as arise from relaxation.

11. The injection effectually cures all excoriations and runnings from the glans and præpuce, and all those small pimples which appear in those parts; only by washing with it three or four times in a day.

The virtues ascribed to these medicines are all well ascertained by long experience: to corroborate which, many hundred attestations of it's efficacy could be produced: but in such cases, decency

decency requires silence. However, the author is well convinced of their poſſeſſing every virtue he has aſcribed to them; he knows they will ſtand the teſt of experience, and he doubts not of countenance and encouragement from the publick, as they have been invariably ſucceſsful in the practice; and the advantages reſulting from theſe medicines being of the greateſt conſequence to mankind, inſomuch, that if the uſe of them was to become general, the author is convinced that the Venereal Diſeaſe would be totally extirpated in a very few Years.